

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2019-290-WS ORDER NO. 2022-13-H

FEBRUARY 24, 2022

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER: David Butler

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Ruling on Stay of Fifteen-Day Period Set by Order No. 2022-114, Response Times to Company Petition for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration and Partial Stay of Order No. 2022-114, and Discussion of New Status Conference

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

This matter comes before the Chief Hearing Officer for consideration of several matters related to the Company Petition for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration and Partial Stay of Order No. 2022-114.

First, in Order No. 2022-114, the Commission requested that Blue Granite Water Company ("BGWC" or "the Company") proceed to file the Motion asking for action on the Rates-Under-Bond-Deferral as soon as possible but not later than fifteen (15) days from the date of the Directive, rather than waiting until a later date. The Commission specifically requested that the Company include the impact on customer rates from the request for action on the Rates-Under-Bond-Deferral in its Motion. On February 22, 2022, BGWC filed its Petition for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration and Partial Stay of Order No. 2022-114, which alleges, among other things, that it would impossible for the Company to comply with this portion of the Commission Order. The fifteen-day deadline is hereby stayed until further Order of the Commission.

Second, any party who wishes to respond to the Company's Petition may do so on or before the close of business on Friday, March 4, 2022. The Company may reply to any responses on or before the close of business on Wednesday, March 9 2022.

Third, the Chief Hearing Officer hereby informs the parties that a Status Conference will be held during the five to seven day period following the issuance of this Directive Order. The parties will be informed by separate communication as to the exact date and time of the status conference.

This concludes the Chief Hearing Officer's Directive Order.